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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6804

BILL NUMBER: HB 1168

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 29, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Unemployment Insurance Benefits.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Tyler

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☒ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that an individual who was unemployed during a certain period is entitled to file or refile a claim for unemployment insurance benefits before July 1, 2010, and is entitled to receive benefits for the period during which the individual was unemployed if, after February 28, 2007: (1) the person filed a claim that was denied; or (2) the person failed to file a claim because the individual believed or was told by an employee of the Department of Workforce Development that the claim would be denied; solely because of certain compensation that the individual received under a valid negotiated contract or agreement in connection with a layoff or plant closure and that was or would be considered deductible income.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The impact on the state would be as an employer and also on the Unemployment Insurance Benefit Fund. The impact would depend on the number of layoffs or facility closings. The impact on the state as an employer would probably be minor.

The state as an employer paid \$4.1 M in unemployment benefits.

The bill could also increase the expenditures from the fund if additional claims were approved for the period after February 28, 2007. The fund paid \$785.8 M in benefits and received revenue of \$582.1 M in FY 2008. At the end of October the balance in the fund was about \$57 M. It is unknown what the increase in the payout would be.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The impact on the locals would be as an employer and would depend on the number of layoffs or facility closings. The impact would probably be minor

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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